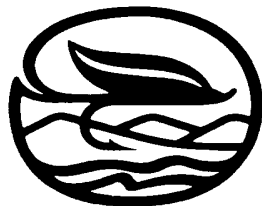


CFFCM's Castabout

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New Members

Thaine B. Bryant
Jim Burke
Paul E. Campbell
Richard Hurley
Michael Johnson
Peter & Mary Kurey
Peter Mancuso
John Manfred
Fred Moy
Barry Myrvold
Mark Ruffalo
Stuart M. Salenger
Dorian Tergis

Guest Fly Tyers

May 7 - JB Martin
May 14 - Mike Hogue
May 21 - Scott Cesari
May 28 - Lee Weil
June 4 - Bob Levenson
June 11 - Monte Kennedy
June 18 - Bill Hrinko
June 25 - Greg Belcamino

May Membership Winner

Jack Brown

Each month we award a prize in our monthly CFFCM membership drawing. All members in good standing are eligible. So if your dues are paid and up-to-date, the next winner could be you!

Dinner with Joan, Ted and 5 of your friends. This is almost as good as winning the NYS lottery. This has to be the most exciting first prize one of our raffles ever. Don't miss the chance of a once in a lifetime experience, bring your friends to a private dinner in the museum with Joan Wulff and her husband Ted Rogowski, great dinner companions. Dinner will be prepared by Erin and Agnes will make the desserts. The bonus is that you will be able to tell everyone about it. Raffle tickets were included in your last Castabout, this drawing will be pulled at the Annual Dinner on May 28. If your name is called and you are not present, we will call you that evening. Please sell some tickets to your friends, call the office for more tickets now or simply call in with your credit card to make over the phone purchases. It all goes to our future.

CFFCM's 30th Annual Meeting, Dinner and Fund Raising Auction. You are invited to participate in the 2011 Annual Membership Meeting to be held in the Paul Dahlie Education Center on Saturday, May 28. At this meeting, President Miriam Stone will provide her State of the Organization address before carrying on with the important member business at hand. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates to serve as Trustees for the next two years. All in attendance will vote. Immediately following will be the Trustee Meeting. Following the membership meeting, attendees will have the chance to Cast for the Hardy & Greys North America Casting Cup that will reside in our Museum on permanent display. If you will not be able to cast your bamboo rod at Summerfest, do it now and get a little thank you memento from Hardy & Greys North America. Our dinner will be held at King's Catering that same evening with our fund raising auction to follow.

In the April Castabout mailing you received an invitation, raffle tickets, Hall of Fame nomination form and a return envelope. Please return them at your earliest convenience. If by some chance you misplaced it, please call the office and make your reservations and ticket purchases over the phone.

And...how about buying a state lottery tickets for us and including them in your return envelope? We will report back on any winnings we receive!

Please look further in this Castabout for information on our silent and live auction items. You can place an absentee bid with the office or place it online. Selling these items will assist us in meeting our annual budget. If you know someone who would enjoy any of these items, share it with them or bring them to our dinner.

The 30th Annual CFFCM Fund Raising Dinner and Auction, May 28, 2011

Below you will find some of the exciting and 'one of a kind' items to be sold to the highest bidder after dinner at Kings Catering on Saturday, May 28. All proceeds are to benefit the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum. Please share this with any friends you may know planning a fishing trip who may be interested. This is a great way to help the CFFCM achieve our fund raising goals.

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Streamside Notes

What a way to start a season. The long running annual Fly Fisher's Reunion Dinner, held the night before the 'real' Opening Day of NY trout season and hosted by Judie D.V. Smith was well attended with a group of devotees at the Rockland House. It was 'catch up' time for all of the anglers. April 1 did arrive with a 3" covering of wet snow that soon vanished after a warm gentle rain. Unfortunately, due to the forecast and those who no longer skip a day of work on this once hallowed day, we did see a decline in attendance. But the spirits live on. On Saturday, April 2, it picked up speed as we saw more fly fisherman trying their best to cast the bugs out and make it official.

We are off to a great start, the museum is refreshed, new exhibits are up and only a couple; Clark Gable Fly Fisherman and The Hudson Valley Schools of Rod Making Parts I & II are in the final stages of construction. We will soon add a case in memory of Dick Talleur with materials from Dick's family.

Our Healing Waters program got a big boost from a partnership alliance with Mid Hudson TU (MHTU) who assisted in bringing in their partner TU's, The Croton Watershed and Greene County Chapters. Under the coordination of MHTU Joe Rist, they provided guides, food, activities, and assistance to make this a success for our guests from Maine. (A full report will be in our next Castabout).

One of our MA members, Phil Horowitz has been playing on eBay with a new project to generate some additional funds. He has been selling some of his personal

tackle items on eBay and posting that all funds over his desired sale price will benefit the CFFCM. We will report back on the results next month.

Another new educational venture is being organized and coordinated by Reginald Johnson entitled "Unplugged". It is directed to families living on the fringe of NYC who have never experienced 'outdoors' activities. The program will include nature walks, bird watching, stream insect identification, fishing the pond, fly tying, fly casting, and stream fly fishing. One exciting element will be sleeping in the bunkhouse after a sitting around the bonfire session. The one hitch is that when you come over the bridge, there are no cell phones, electronic devices, etc. Should prove to be interesting. Plans are now in the works.

Over the past few weeks I have had numerous email exchanges with our friends in Italy and of course Japan. The Italians are extremely proud to have their "Italian Connection" Exhibit in our Museum.

I was invited to participate in their SIM (Italian Fly Fishing School) show in June, but due to some previous commitments I will be unable to attend. I do hope to be invited again in 2012. Part of that invite was to meet the Executive Director of their Fly Fishing Museum located in a 15th century Convent in Castel di Sangro. The meeting was to discuss an arrangement to "twin" our associations. We will continue this dialogue and hopefully get a small US exhibit in their museum. I welcome your flies or tackle to send them as a representation from the CFFCM.

Regarding my regular correspondence with our friends and acquaintances from Japan, I learn more first hand information on the situations they face with lack of communications, food, water and reconstructive needs. A proud people, they do not seek sympathy or assistance. (They welcome support and an understanding that they are strong.) One message generated much thought;

*"A lot of friends went fishing today
They are keeping a healthy spirit by
going angling.
Fishing is not mere hobby for them
Intolerable fear and sadness attack
them.
They dared to go angling.
And, they become gently father and
husband and come back.
Fly Fishing is a life for them."*

They continue to assure me that all will work out fine and we remain brothers of the angle. If you are in the area on May 21 or 22, stop into 'Woodstick' and say "Kizuna and hello", you will be surprised in the pride they will return in thanks.

As you can see, our May is chuck full of activities and events. This does not include the scheduled school field trips, weekend club partners (who will be occupying our bunkhouses) and the daily visitors who cross this bridge. That is what we are here for. Together we are the center for fly fishing; not just here, but world wide. We are off to a good start.

Its all about flyfishing.

Jim Krul

First Cast : First Class, Full of Surprises and Fantastic. In the final days before April 2, our first cast team The Phelan Family, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Johannes Mason and Special Guest jazz great Laurence Hobgood were surprised when actor Mark Ruffalo announced he would join in the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce's Annual First Cast at Junction Pool.

Despite the forecasters expected heavy snow falls, the weather was cold but no snow fell to stop the event. Over one hundred visitors lined the banks of the Beaverkill and encouraged this illustrious group to cast in a new season with great fanfare.

Immediately after, the hardy group went to Mary Dette's for a planned surprise birthday celebration. Roscoe Chamber of Commerce provided coffee and a wonderful cake topped with a Manny Zanger fly creation. The Willowemoc pool adjacent to Riverside Park and just above Junction Pool was officially named as *Dette Pool* and Cottage Street was renamed to *Dette Way* (you can't miss it, it is permanently erected above the Cottage Street sign) This effort could not have been done without the Town of Rockland Supervisor Ed Weitmann and Highway Superintendent Ted Hartling. Recognition Proclamations were presented by Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and Legislator Elwin Wood. Needless to say, Mary was pleasantly surprised.

The day continued with a tremendous crowd at the LM Gym for the bamboo rod casting clinic with Mike and the Bamboo Boys. This program initiated and organized by Mike Canazon is sponsored annually by the LM Rotary Club.

The Museum was hopping with the Ted Patlen show featuring some great fly tying tips for the new season. Wet fly tying master, Don Bastian, brought in his magnificent 8 frames of 432 wet fly patterns he tied as prescribed by Ray Bergman. This was the last public viewing before being delivered to a private gallery. An unexpected surprise visit by Norma Christian, (wife of the late Buddy Christian) Ray Bergman's niece, came to view the exhibit and present the CFFCM with Ray Bergman's favorite Leonard fly rod to add to the collection and copies of Trout for our fundraising purposes. Norma was accompanied by her grandnephew, Mark Schwarz.

One of the CFFCM's youngest active fly tyers, Johannes Mason, was also tying flies and Jack Yelle, Roscoe's most recognized and respected artist was signing his 2011 First Cast Prints. (Limited copies are available for sale in our gift shop for \$100.)

In the gift shop, Agnes and Tony were greeting all visitors. As always Agnes tended to her soup kitchen satisfying everyone. Meanwhile, Jan Weido, Nancy Clancy and Bruce Pollock launched the Mid Hudson TU/CFFCM plant a willow program and distributed the 'orange bucket' containing willow slips to Frank Kuttner's, Catskill Flies, Beaverkill Angler, Dette's, Baxter House, Fin Fur & Feather, with great success. Everywhere you looked our special guests Laurence and Mark were at every activity pressing the flesh, signing autographs and letting everyone know that fly fishing is for everyone.

Special thanks go to our local community partners The Roscoe Chamber of Commerce, Luis and Sue at Reynolds House for accommodations, Chris Theising for photos and coordinating assistance, and everyone mentioned above again. (You can view many photos of the day at www.facebook.com/cffcm)

Poul Jorgensen's Tying Atlantic Salmon Flies DVD's are back in stock thanks to an arrangement and donation by member Dennis Lund (Reno, NV). Dennis has generously provided the production costs and expertise to have a short run made exclusively for the CFFCM with all proceeds to benefit the Center. We thank him for his generous contribution. This two volume set retails for \$49.95 and members are entitled to a 20% discount; individual dvd's are \$29.95. To order, call the CFFCM.

Roscoe Trout Town USA, The Ultimate Fishing Town. Thanks to your efforts, Roscoe is now in the second round of voting that will end on May 3. Once again we need your help to secure votes to get to the regional finals. If you can help Roscoe make it, they will go into the final round of voting from May 10-31. The Roscoe Chamber of Commerce wants this honor for Roscoe and continues to ask for your support. Please go to <http://www.wfnfishingtown.com/town/roscoe-ny> and place your first vote. There are four different voting blocks and you can vote in each for a total of 4 votes. If you cannot vote daily, Roscoe can do it for you from here. Simply vote the first time and verify your vote on the return email. Then simply forward your email address to philvallone@rollingv.com. Phil Vallone (Creekside Cabins) has set up his system to vote for you. It is safe, they only use your email to vote (you do not give them a password so you are not compromised in any way). This is a great way to share and build our community. So let's all get out the vote for Roscoe. They

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CFFCM Emergence Chart

2011 Calendar of Events

May

- 7: Long Island Fly Rodders Annual Stream Cleanup
14: Joe Perrone Opening Day book signing
20/21: NYC TU Outing
21/22: Woodstick Classic Tackle & Today's Craftsman hosted
by Fred Paddock
28: Annual Meeting, Dinner and Auction

June

- 3/4: East Jersey TU Outing
24-29: Bamboo Rodmakers Class

July

- 9/10: Environmental Youth Educations ages 8-11
16/17: Environmental Youth Education ages 12-14
23/24: Environmental Youth Education mixed ages

August

- 6/7: Summerfest, Angler's Market & Jubilee Weekend
14: Annual Ralph Graves Memorial Golf Tournament

September

- 9/11: Catskill Rodmakers Gathering

October

- 1: One Fly Contest sponsored by Catskill Fies
8: Semi-Annual Meeting and Hall of Fame

November

- 12/13: Arts of the Angler Show, Danbury CT
29: A Night in NYC-Winter Fundraiser

December

- 3: Holiday Open House
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